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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 104 appear in part I of the Committee's report (A/47/835).

2. The Fifth Committee further considered the item at its 58th, 63rd and 66th meetings, on 25 March and 5 and 21 April 1993.

3. The comments and observations made in the course of the Committee's further consideration of this item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/47/SR.58, 63 and 66).

4. Section II of the present report provides a summary of the special subjects considered by the Fifth Committee.

5. The recommendations of the Fifth Committee are contained in section III of the present report.

II. CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL SUBJECTS

1. Revised estimates under section 37 (Department of Political Affairs): United Nations regional centres for peace and disarmament

6. The Committee considered this item at its 58th meeting, on 25 March 1993. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/47/62) and the related report of the Advisory Committee (A/47/7/Add.13).

7. The Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend that the General Assembly approve a commitment authority of $150,000 under section 37 of the programme budget for 1992-1993 in order to provide for the administrative support of the regional centres. Such amount as would need to be appropriated should be a first call on the contingency fund in 1993, as it would relate to a proposal which had been carried over from 1992 (see para. 14, draft resolution).

2. Conditions of service and compensation for officials other than Secretariat officials: members of the Joint Inspection Unit

8. The Committee considered this question at its 58th meeting, on 25 March 1993. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/45/75 and A/C.5/46/17).

9. At the same meeting, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend that the General Assembly defer the consideration of this question to its forty-eighth session in the context of the agenda item on the Joint Inspection Unit (see para. 15, draft decision I).

3. Comprehensive study of the question of honoraria payable to members of organs and subsidiary organs of the United Nations

10. The Committee considered this question at its 58th and 66th meetings, on 25 March and 21 April 1993. It had before it the reports of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/46/12 and A/C.5/47/45) and the related reports of the Advisory committee (A/46/7/Add.8 and A/47/7/Add.10).

11. At its 66th meeting, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend that the General Assembly defer consideration of this question to its forty-eighth session (see para. 15, draft decision I).

4. Revised estimates under section 31 (Public information): establishment and operation of seven United Nations interim offices

12. The Committee considered this question at its 63rd and 66th meetings, on 5 and 21 April 1993. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/47/89) and the related report of the Advisory Committee (A/47/7/Add.16).

13. At its 66th meeting, the Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the General Assembly that it:

(a) Endorse the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in paragraph 11 of its report (A/47/7/Add.16);

(b) Request the Secretary-General to ensure that his proposals relating to the structure, functions and activities of the seven United Nations interim offices referred to in his report (A/C.5/47/89) fully comply with the mandates of the relevant General Assembly resolutions pertaining to operational activities and dissemination of information, in particular resolutions 47/199 of 22 December 1992 and 47/73 of 14 December 1992, taking into account the specific needs of each country;

(c) Decide that the report to be presented by the Secretary-General in conformity with paragraph 6 of its resolution 47/73 B should be submitted also to the Second Committee for its consideration and recommendations;

(d) Take note of the provisional and exceptional arrangements in place, undertaken by the Secretary-General, and stress that they may continue until the General Assembly has taken a policy decision on this matter at its forty-eighth session (see para. 15, draft decision II).

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

14. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Other questions relating to the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993: Revised estimates under section 37 (Department of Political Affairs)

The General Assembly,

1. Takes note of the revised estimates submitted by the Secretary-General in his report 1/ and the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 2/

2. Approves the commitment authority of $150,000 under section 37 of the programme budget for 1992-1993 in order to provide for the administrative support of the regional centres; that amount would be a first call on the contingency fund in 1993 as it relates to a proposal that had been carried over from 1992.

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15. The Fifth Committee also recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decisions:

DRAFT DECISION I

Deferral of items

The General Assembly decides to defer consideration of the following documents until its forty-eighth session:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on conditions of service for members of the Joint Inspection Unit; 3/

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on a comprehensive study of the question of honoraria payable to members of organs and subsidiary organs of the United Nations. 4/

1/ A/C.5/47/62.

2/ A/47/7/Add.13, paras. 13 and 14.

3/ A/C.5/45/75 and A/C.5/46/17.

4/ A/C.5/46/12 and A/C.5/47/45.

DRAFT DECISION II

Revised estimates under section 31 (Public information): establishment and operation of seven United Nations interim offices

The General Assembly

(a) Endorses the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in paragraph 11 of its report; 5/

(b) Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that his proposals relating to the structure, functions and activities of the seven United Nations interim offices referred to in his report 6/ fully comply with the mandates of the relevant General Assembly resolutions pertaining to operational activities and dissemination of information, in particular resolutions 47/199 of 22 December 1992 and 47/73 of 14 December 1992 taking into account the specific needs of each country;

(c) Decides that the report to be presented by the Secretary-General in conformity with paragraph 6 of its resolution 47/73 B shall be submitted also to the Second Committee for its consideration and recommendations;

(d) Takes note of the provisional and exceptional arrangements in place, undertaken by the Secretary-General, and stresses that they may continue until the General Assembly has taken a policy decision on this matter at its forty-eighth session.

5/ A/47/7/Add.16.

6/ A/C.5/47/89.